

LIGHT RAIN LIKELY

WEATHER
TODAYUnit, Dhaka
Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna, Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at

places over the country, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:19am.

Country's highest temperature 36.8

degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 25.4 degrees in Tangail and Sandwip.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature in Celsius
Max: 34.7 Min: 28.4

Dhaka 71 63

Chittagong 80 76

Rajshahi 84 69

Rangpur 81 73

Humidity in percentage
Morning Evening

Khulna 35.0 28.3

Barisal 34.2 27.9

Sylhet 33.8 27.2

Cox's Bazar 34.0 26.3

Temperature in Celsius
Max: 71 Min: 69

Human Chain 83 77

Sagar-Runi 95 74

Cox's Bazar 66 77

SUCHITRA SEN'S ANCESTRAL HOUSE
SC releases entire verdict for recovery

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court yesterday released the full judgment in the case filed for recovering the ancestral house of Bangla film icon Suchitra Sen in Pabna, paving the way for the government to establish there a "Suchitra Sen Smriti Sangrohashala".

Imam Gazzali Trust, a Jamaat-e-Islami-backed organisation, has been occupying Suchitra's ancestral house at Gopalpur in the town for more than two decades. The organisation has been running a kindergarten named Imam Gazzali Institute there.

Suchitra, whose original name was Krishna Dasgupta, left Pabna along with her family a few months before the partition of the subcontinent in 1947 and settled in India.

On May 4 this year, the Appellate Division of the SC in a short judgment had upheld the High Court verdict which had directed the government to take over the house of the silver screen legend.

In the 59-page full judgment released yesterday, the three-member bench led by Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha said: "The High Court Division's direction upon the government to implement the decision to establish Suchitra Sen Smriti Sangrohashala without any delay to protect and preserve her birth place for her indubitable contribution to our cultural arena, is hereby reinstated, requiring the authorities to begin the process forthwith without any delay whatsoever by evicting the petitioner and his institute, if that has not already been done by now".

The other members of the bench are Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah and Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik. The Daily Star yesterday obtained a copy of the full judgement.

Even after the apex court passed the short judgment on May 4 this year, the district administration of Pabna did not take any step to remove the institute, saying that they did not get the full judgment.

Yesterday, Additional Deputy Commissioner (revenue) of Pabna Md Azmal Hossain told The Daily Star that they would take legal action after getting the printed copy of the SC verdict, reports our Pabna district correspondent.

As the full verdict is out, the people of Pabna are waiting to have the house freed from Jamaat's occupation.

"People of Pabna have been dreaming of freeing the ancestral house of Suchitra Sen for long. At last, we are very close to the fulfillment of our dream," Dr Ram Dular

DHAKA SOUTH CITY CORPORATION BUDGET

No new hope for residents

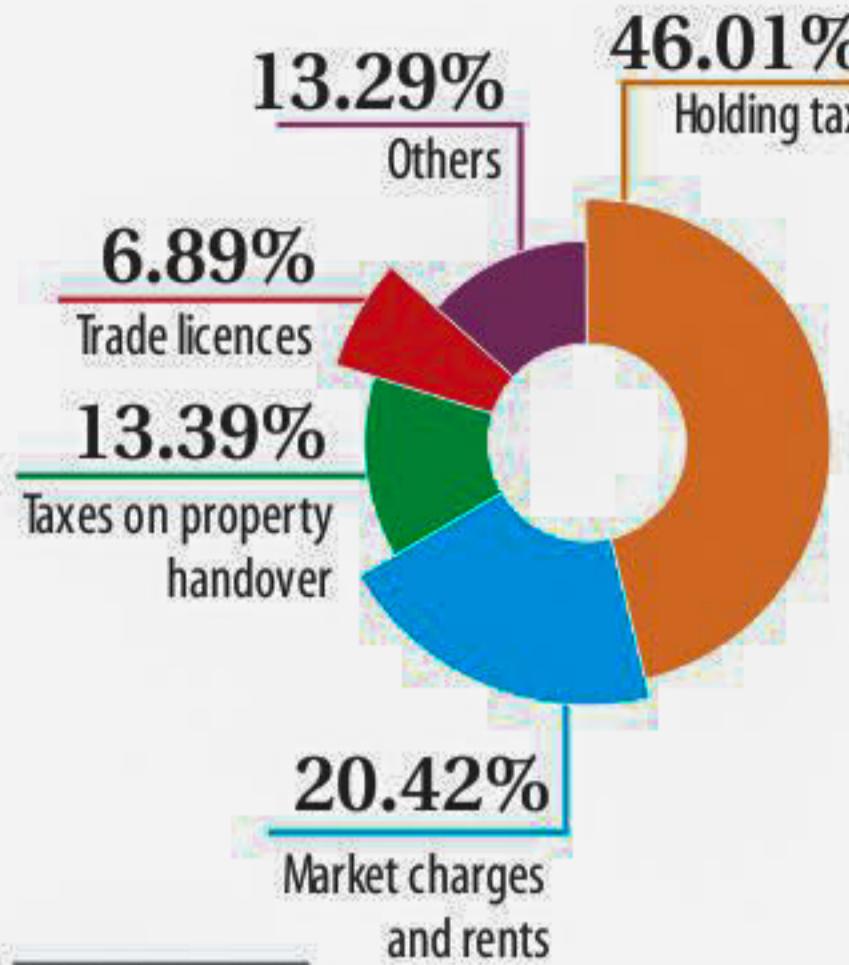
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) yesterday announced its budget for 2014-2015 fiscal without proposing any major improvement in services and infrastructural development, while allocations shrank in some key areas, particularly in waste management.

In the Tk 1,565.75 crore budget, there was also a little increase in the allocation for maintenance and development of roads and traffic infrastructures--by only Tk 12.5 crore to Tk 191.75 crore--though most of the city streets are in a dilapidated condition crying for immediate repairs.

Unveiling the budget at Nagar Bhaban, DSCC Administrator Ibrahim Hossain Khan said that with its existing capacity, the corporation

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REVENUE SOURCES
in % of total target

SOURCE: DSCC

BUDGET SIZE

TK 1,565.75 Cr

Revenue target Tk 597.57 Cr

Govt, foreign grants Tk 883.99 Cr

Funds from other sources Tk 84.19 Cr

ALLOCATIONS

Road, drainage Tk 530.91 Cr

River pollution mitigation Tk 50 Cr

Three modern slaughter houses Tk 10 Cr

Mosquito control Tk 10.3 Cr

Waste management Tk 50 lakh

Others Tk 964.04 Cr

State favouring
Bangalee settlersRights activists tell protest programme
on recent attack on Int'l CHTC team

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The state always protects the Bangalee settlers and their different organisations unleashing terror on indigenous people and the visiting human rights delegations in the Chittagong Hill Tracts repeatedly, Rangamati MP Ushat Talukder and several rights activists said yesterday.

The observations came in response to the government's inaction over bringing to justice the Bangalee settlers who attacked a delegation of International CHT Commission in Rangamati on July 5.

"The people of the region want to live without a constant fear of attack. We will know that there is democracy in the region when the attackers are punished," said Talukder, addressing a human chain in front of the National Museum under the banner of Nagorik Shomaj to protest the attack.

Pankaj Bhattacharya, presidium member of Gonoforum, said there was no democracy in the hill tracts as the region

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3 unhygienic
vermicelli
factories sealed
in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday sealed off three food factories for producing vermicelli (semai) in an unhygienic environment in the capital's Kamrangirchar.

The DMP, however, did not arrest and fine any person or seize properties during the drive, which was conducted around 11:00am.

The factories are Nasir Foods, Habiba Foods and Mitali Foods at Khalpar.

Police collected samples from the factories for tests to learn whether those are adulterated, said RM Faizur Rahman, senior assistant commissioner (Labibagh division) of DMP.

Prabir Hossain Hawlader, officer-in-charge of Kamrangirchar Police Station, said they could not find any of the owners, and there were no signboards or nameplates of the factories during the raid.



Vermicelli being dried in an unhygienic environment at Mitali Foods, a factory which was sealed off by Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday in the capital's Kamrangirchar. DMP also sealed two other factories in the area on the same charge.

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NEWS IN
briefDU, Robi sign MoU to set up
electronic library

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Robi Axiata Ltd, a telecom company, to set up an electronic library at the university's business studies faculty.

The library will offer student access to the libraries of different universities around the world.

Under the MoU, Robi will provide computers and wi-fi technology to develop the library.

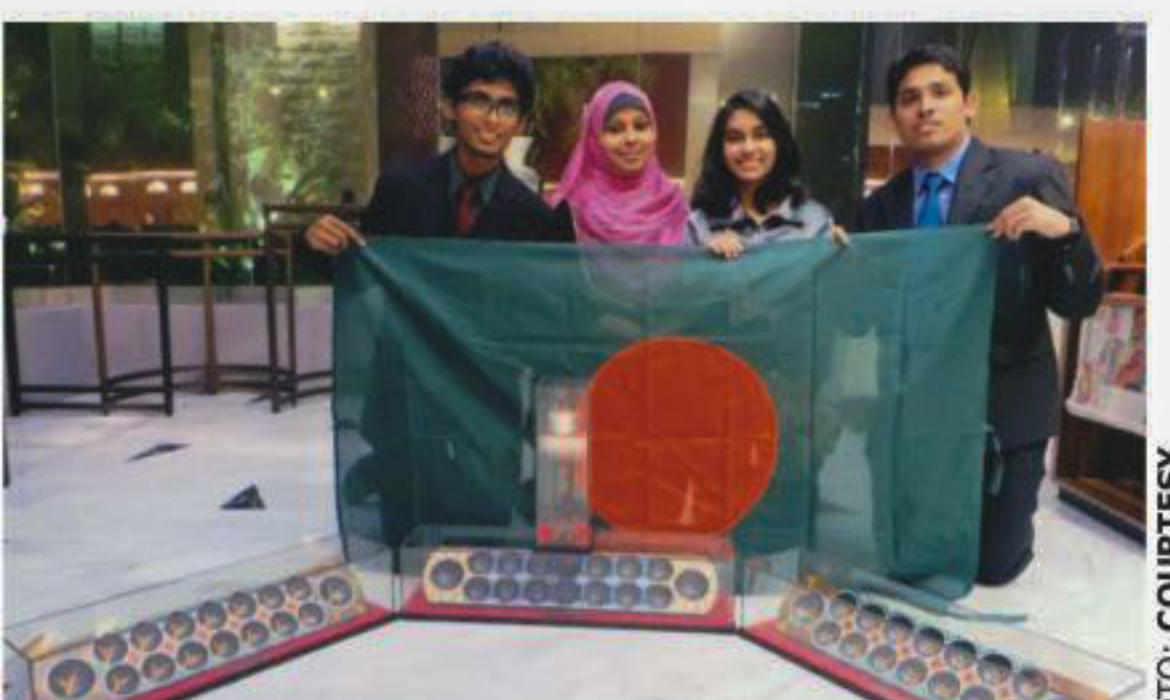
Following the signing ceremony, DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique and Robi Chief Operating Officer Mahatabuddin Ahmed addressed a press conference at former's office.

New AKDN representative
presents credentials to FM

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The newly appointed The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) Resident Representative to Bangladesh Munir M Merali presented his credentials to Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali at the ministry yesterday.

Prior to this appointment, Merali served as AKDN resident representative to Tajikistan and as the CEO of Aga Khan Foundation in Islamabad.



The debating team of Maple Leaf International School which was ranked the number one novice team in the recent Sri KDU Asian Schools Debating Championship 2014 held in Kuala Lumpur. A total of 78 teams from all over Asia participated in the tournament.

DHAKA
TODAY

Human Chain

Mastranga Television staff will form a human chain demanding justice for slain journalist couple Mirsarai Tragedy Day and protesting road accidents occurring frequently in the country. Venue: Before National Museum; Time: 10:30am.

Sit-in

General Union of Bangladesh will arrange a sit-in in observance of the Mirsarai Tragedy Day and protesting road accidents occurring frequently in the country. Venue: Before National Museum; Time: 10:30am.

AMERICA BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY
Pro-VC held for selling
fake certificates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have arrested a pro-vice-chancellor of the America Bangladesh University and two others allegedly for selling fake certificates of the institution from the capital's Dhanmondi and Bijoynagar.

The arrestees are Pro-VC Masudur Rahman, and Mehedi Hasan and Mohammad Shakil, who are students of two other universities.

Sub-inspector Shariful Islam of Dhanmondi Police Station claimed that Masudur was a pro-VC of the America Bangladesh University. He had been selling fake certificates, mainly those of BBA and MBA, of the university with the help of Mehedi and Shakil over the last six months, said the SI.

Shakil told the police that they used to sell a certificate at Tk 40,000 to Tk 45,000, the SI said.

On information, police arrested Mehedi and Shakil from in front of Dhanmondi's Lab Aid Hospital Wednesday afternoon with three certificates, and Masudur from Bijoynagar with five fake certificates the same night.

Yesterday, police placed the trio before a court and sought seven-day remand for each of them. The court, however, sent them to jail. The SI said a case was under process.

The arrest was made three days after the education ministry, University Grants Commission (UGC) and private universities rejected a research report of Transparency International Bangladesh, which claimed that some universities issue fake certificates in exchange for Tk 50,000 to Tk 3 lakh.

The SI added that following media reports on the TIB report they strengthened their vigilance regarding the issue.

FIRST 2 PHASES OF VOTER ROLL UPDATE
EC registers 10.32
lakh new voters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 10.32 lakh new voters of 144 upazilas have been included in the electoral roll till Wednesday.

Of the new voters, around 5.87 lakh are males and around 4.45 lakh are females, according to a statement of the Election Commission.

The assessment was revealed at a meeting at the EC Secretariat in the capital yesterday.

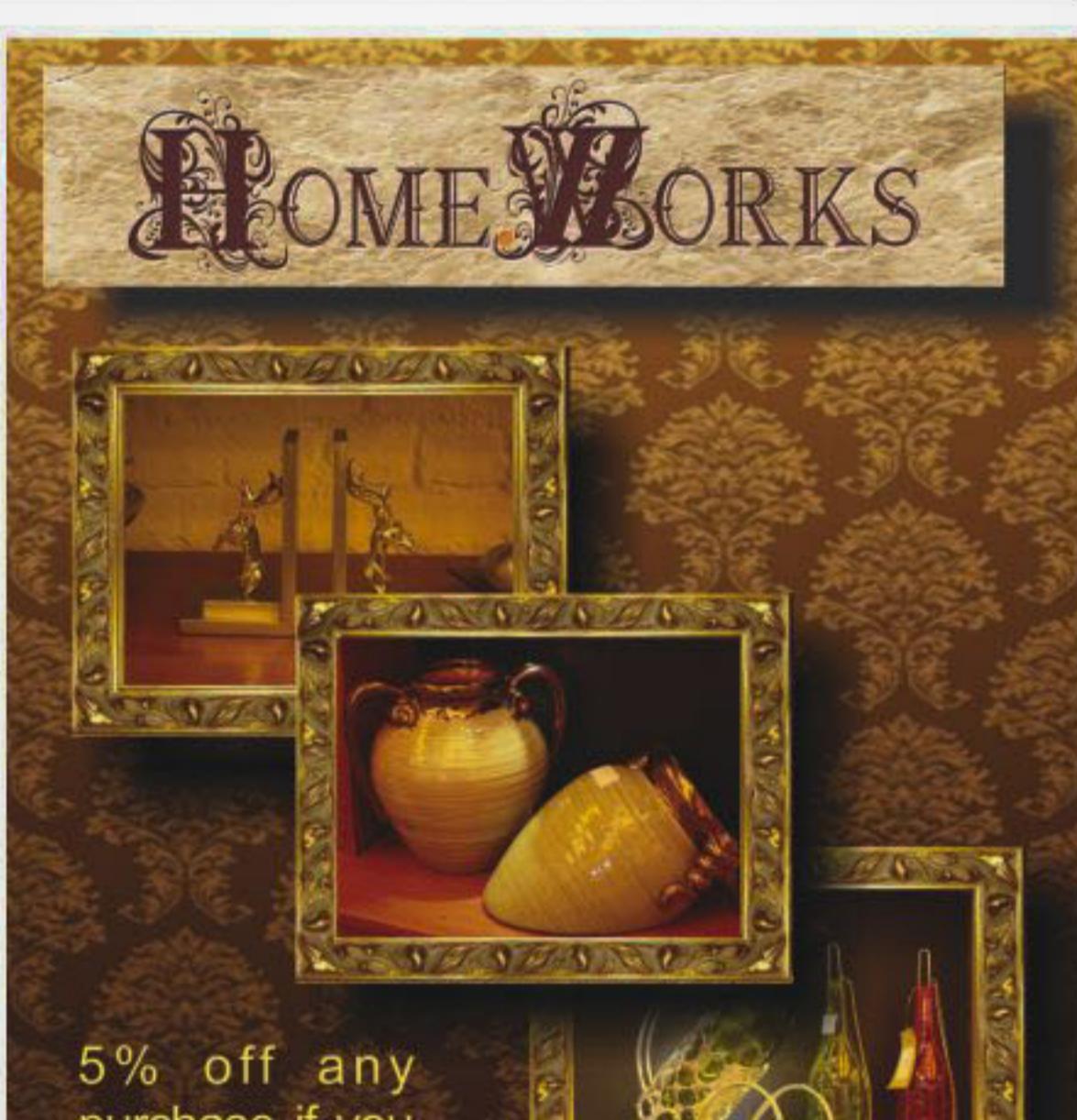
The EC started electoral roll updating programme on May 15, which will continue till November 15 in three phases.

Data of the citizens eligible to

be voters of 400 upazilas have already been collected in the first two phases, while their photo shoot and registration process are going on.

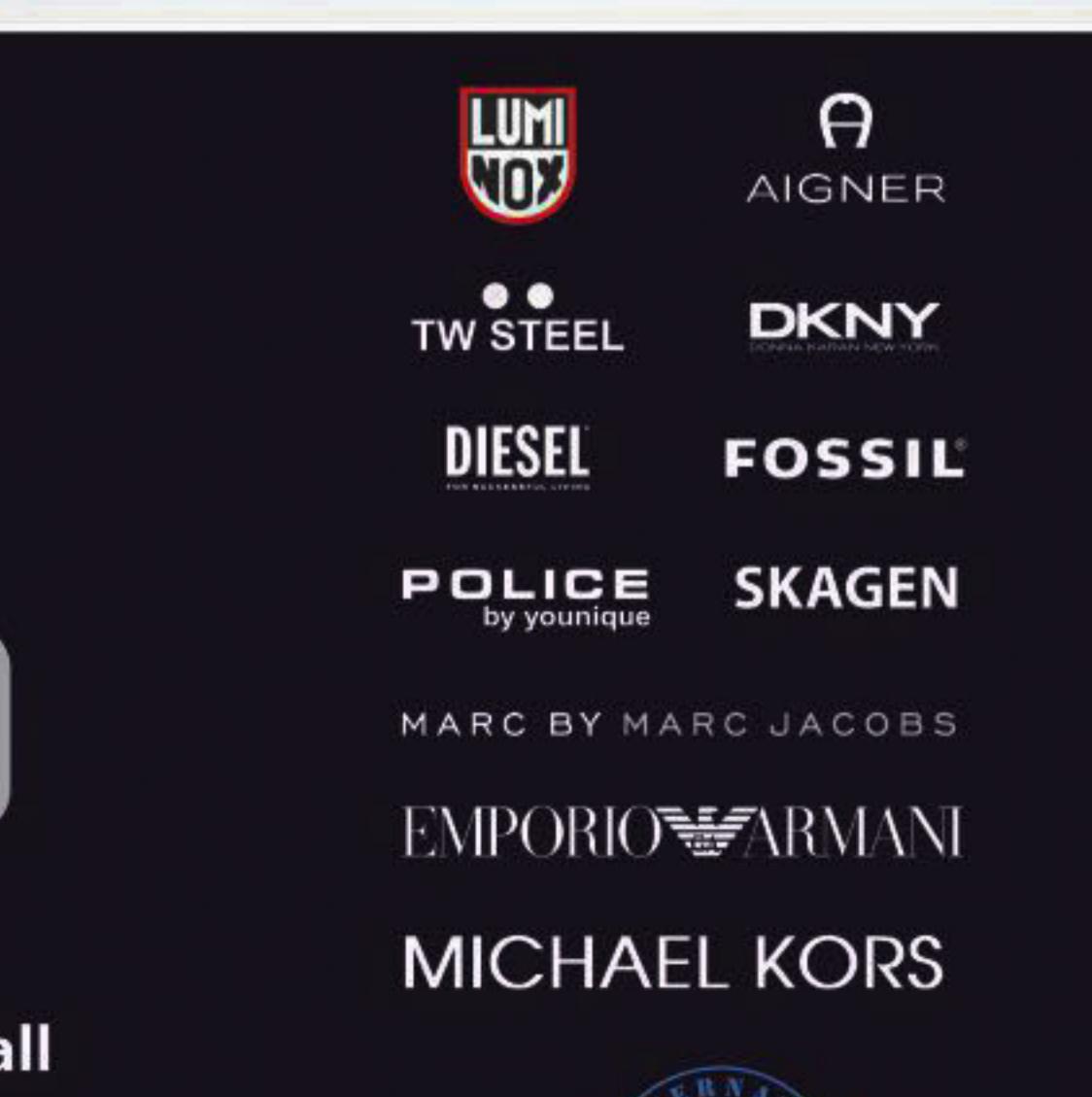
In the third phase, data collection will start on September 1 and continue till September 10 at 120 upazilas. Photo shoot and registration will continue from September 18 to November 15, said EC officials.

For the last time, the EC updated the voter list in 2012. Currently, there are more than 9.21 crore voters in the country. This time, the EC expects to include 46 lakh new voters in the electoral roll.



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